

ACQUITS CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MOTHER

Mrs. Mosbach Had Called "Healers" to Treat Her Child, Who Died from Diphtheria.

WIDE INTEREST IN CASE

In Finding Absence of "Wilful Neglect" Coroner's Jury Urges the Prosecution of "Healers."

Medical practitioners, as well as Christian Scientists, were deeply interested yesterday in the acquittal by a coroner's jury, in the Bronx, of Mrs. Margaret Mosbach, of No. 2,815 Bainbridge avenue, who had been held on a charge of homicide by wilful neglect, as a result of the death of her daughter Katharine, five years old, last Thanksgiving, from an attack of diphtheria.

No physician had been called during the child's illness, but she had been attended by Ephraim K. Roberts and his wife, Marie K. Roberts, Christian Science practitioners, for whom W. J. Jerome, formerly District Attorney, appeared as counsel. The interests of Mrs. Mosbach were protected by William Donohue, Assistant District Attorney Theron Strong, prosecutor of the case before Coroner Shontz, and John B. Dyer, an attorney, and Dr. W. McLaughlin Dunning were present throughout the proceedings as representatives of the New York Medical Society and the Bronx Medical Society, respectively.

The coroner's jury, which had been drawn from a special panel composed of some of the most influential men in the Bronx, including several bank presidents, debated nearly an hour before returning a verdict. The acquittal was based upon the instructions of the coroner that not merely neglect, but wilful neglect, must be fastened upon the defendant in order to constitute a crime under the law. The jury decided that Mrs. Mosbach did not realize that her daughter was seriously ill. Its verdict was as follows:

"We find that the death was due to diphtheria caused by failure to call in a licensed physician, owing to the mother's ignorance of the severe illness of the child, and we therefore find the defendant not wilfully guilty."

"We recommend that the District Attorney be requested with all diligence to press the cases already against the Christian Science practitioners now pending in the courts, as was determined by the autopsy performed by himself and Dr. Charles Clinton.

"When I arrived at the house," he said, "the child was dead. Mrs. Mosbach told me that Mrs. Roberts had been in the house the previous Monday night and had treated the child and had afterward given her 'absent treatment.' Mr. Roberts had been there and had treated the child the night before she died. She explained that she had not called in a regular physician because she did not believe in them. She told me she did not believe in diphtheria, but that the teaching of her church was that when a person was afflicted with that person was in error. I asked her how a five-year-old child could be 'in error' and she did not answer."

Dr. Clinton testified that Mrs. Mosbach had told him that she had suspected her little daughter was seriously ill and she would have called in a regular physician, if only to protect herself. Mr. Jerome, in cross-examination, asked Dr. Clinton whether, in his opinion, the child could have been saved if a regular physician had been summoned. Dr. Clinton replied: "I believe that if a physician had been called in when the child was first taken ill she could have been saved." The witness said that since the general use of antitoxin the diphtheria death rate had been only about eight per cent in light cases and about thirty-five per cent in advanced stages, whereas before the use of antitoxin the death rate in lighter attacks had been from twenty-five to thirty per cent, and in the more violent attacks about seventy-five per cent.

Mrs. Mosbach and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were called to the stand, but were excused from testifying on the objection raised by Mr. Jerome that they might incriminate themselves. In charging the jury Coroner Shontz said: "If Mrs. Mosbach did not know that the child was seriously ill, why did she call in the Christian Science healers? I think this is a clear case of wilful neglect."

GIVE JEWELS TO AID MISSIONS.

Women of Southern Presbyterian Church Meet Crisis Caused by Indebtedness.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Friday.—Women of the Southern Presbyterian Church are meeting a crisis caused by the indebtedness of this city to wipe out an indebtedness of \$100,000.

Grave danger of the recall of foreign missionaries faced the Board and an appeal was made to the loyal women of the church to meet the deficit. There was prompt response in the shape of jewelry, silver ornaments and money.

Miss Shaw's Anti-Suffragist Sketch Is Produced at the Hotel Astor



Playlet Has Many Bright Sayings and Clever Arguments—"Mrs. Grundy" Says Women Will Eventually Make the Men Take Their Names When They Marry Them and Punish Them for Their Misdeeds—Prominent Actresses in Cast.

"Women are splendid imitators. They'll give you Senators and Assembliesmen such a good imitation of yourselves when they get the ballot that you'll be astounded. They'll make you take their name when you marry them, they'll punish you for your misdeeds and pay you back in love and affection and keep the change."

Thus did Mrs. Grundy, a leader of the womanly woman faction in Miss Mary Shaw's "An Impressionistic Sketch of the Anti-Suffragists," which was produced for the first time yesterday at the Hotel Astor, warn an imaginary legislative committee composed entirely of men of what will happen to them if they grant votes to women.

The playlet, which bristles with bright sayings and clever arguments, was written by Miss Shaw especially for the Equal Suffrage League, of which she is a member. It was presented by a cast, including many prominent actresses, before a large audience, mostly women. The majority were suffragists, but it was whispered by Miss Mary Garrett Hay, the president of the society, that several anti-suffragists had been invited and were actually present.

In the cast were:— Mrs. Allright, President of an Anti-Suffrage Club; Miss Grace Filkins, Mrs. Grundy, a member of one of our "oldest families"; Miss Mary Shaw, Mrs. Pure-Drive, the Possess of a "Last Cause"; Miss Olive Oliver, Mrs. Sweet, an ideal wife and mother; Miss Arden Hackett, Mrs. Grouch, a warranted dyed-in-the-wool "womanly woman"; Miss Roberta Droste, Miss Noodle, just a beginner of the "womanly game"; Miss Jean Marcet, Guests of the Anti-Suffrage Club; Miss Moore, Miss Virginia Kline, Miss Berry, Miss Charlesworth, Miss Foster, Mrs. Ruth Litt.

Antis Take a Pledge. The play was given in the small ballroom without any scenery. There was a stage arranged as for a woman's club meeting, at which Mrs. Allright presided.

RED CROSS CAR FOR RAILROAD MEN

One Is Sent to Poughkeepsie at the Request of Mrs. F. W. Vanderbilt.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Friday.—Railroad men all along the line of the New York Central Railroad are to be instructed in the art of giving first aid to the injured through the efforts of Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt. A Red Cross car equipped by the railroad was sent here at Mrs. Vanderbilt's request. The big car drew into Poughkeepsie yesterday with two surgeons, a trained nurse and an expert railroad man aboard. It attracted great attention.

Instructions were given by the surgeons and the nurses in how to bind up wounds, and how to revive those who have fainted or are suffering from the effects of drugs.

An expert railroad man, who was aboard the car gave instructions in regard to the best methods of avoiding accidents. The men were told how they could best couple cars and walk over freight trains while in motion. The car was furnished by the New York Central Railroad and the surgeons aboard were supplied by the Red Cross. It has been making a tour of the country. A few weeks ago Mrs. Vanderbilt communicated with Mayor Sague, of Poughkeepsie, about the car, and he asked that it be sent to Poughkeepsie.

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WHAT WOMEN FIND IN THE SHOPS

A new model in chiffon waists has an underbody of striped chiffonette. The waist is handsomely braided and is trimmed with a wide side frill. It sells for \$3.84 and may be purchased at Hearn's.

One of the most convenient automobile accessories noticed in the shops is an automobile toilet case for women. The case is neat and compact and is made of beautiful English morocco leather. It is lined with renaissance silk and contains a comb, hair brush, clothes brush, mirror, manicure articles, two scent bottles and two salve boxes. All backed with white Parisian Ivory. The case is shown by Mark Cross and is priced at \$7.

A very serviceable suit for the lad between eight and seventeen years of age is a combination shown by James McCreary and Company. The suit is of a fine quality blue serge and has a neat, stylish jacket and two pairs of trousers. It is priced at \$5.75.

One of the best bargains noticed at any of the stores is a coat of exceptionally good quality black broadtail cloth, priced at \$19.50. The coat is cut in the latest mode

and is lined throughout with guaranteed fur. Forsythe, who shows the coat, formerly sold the same garment at \$22.50.

A new convenience for shoppers has been arranged by Harnett Brothers in their recently added banking department. To all depositors in their savings bank, in which accounts may be opened for sums as low as \$1, they pay interest at a rate of four per cent. Opening an account with them also entitles the depositor to a charge account at the store. To stimulate the idea of saving money they loan to all depositors a small pocket bill book and coin bank which is of convenient carrying size. Money deposited with them may be withdrawn at any time.

For the spring tailored costume one of the most desirable effects is obtained in the uncut velvet material. A fine corded silk that looks exactly like this most fashionable fabric is shown by Wanamaker. Over the surface of the cloth is a color that gives the material the French name of "givre," or hear frost. The corded silk sells for \$3 a yard.

An exceptional value in women's neckwear is a name brand silk scarf, scored at \$19.50. The scarf is cut in the latest mode

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MISS EDMANDS NOT HIDING IN YONKERS

Relatives of the Rev. C. V. T. Richeson's Fiancee Have Not Seen Her for Two Years.

The search which the Boston police authorities have been conducting in and around New York for the last week for Miss Violet Edmonds, the fiancée of the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, was transferred from Lakewood, N. J., to Hastings and Yonkers, N. Y., yesterday on the strength of an apparently authoritative statement that the young woman had been seen at the home of a relative at the former place.

Miss Edmonds was not found at either Hastings or Yonkers, and the only relatives and friends that she has in either place told a Herald reporter in most positive terms yesterday that she had not been there and was not expected.

Miss Edmonds' second cousin is Mrs. Rudolph R. Reeder, wife of the superintendent of the New York Orphan Asylum, which is located on the hills back of the Hudson River, between Yonkers and Hastings. Mrs. Reeder believes that Miss Edmonds is in Washington. Mrs. Reeder has a daughter who is the wife of the Rev. Charles N. Arbuckle, of Yonkers. Hutchins Haggood, the writer, who lives on the Flower place at Hastings, is said to be a friend of the Edmonds family.

The story which became current yesterday and diverted the search for Miss Edmonds to the Hudson River country, was that Dr. James Doeder, of Hastings, had recently been called to the Haggood house to see a young woman who was suffering from a severe nervous attack. Dr. Doeder was asserted to have made the statement that the patient told him she was Miss Edmonds, of Boston, and that the nervous attack was the outgrowth of worry over the predicament of her fiancé, Mr. Richeson. A Herald reporter who saw Dr. Doeder at St. John's Hospital, Yonkers, last night, was authorized by him to make the following statement:—

"I never said that I had treated Miss Edmonds or any person representing herself as Miss Edmonds. I was never called to the Haggood house in my life and do not know the Haggoods. The whole thing is a lie from start to finish. I deeply regret that anybody should have made me the basis of such a wholly false story."

Mr. Reeder said to a Herald reporter:—"My wife is a second cousin of Violet. We know her very well. She used to visit us a great deal when she was at school at Vassar. She has not been here for two years. I have heard nothing of her being anywhere in this vicinity. I am very sure that if she was anywhere around here I should know it. I do not know the Haggoods myself, and it is wholly impossible that Violet could have been at their house without myself and Mrs. Reeder knowing it."

"Mrs. Allright" begged the committee not to let women be sworn in as sheriffs. "We will gladly lay down our lives before we will become Senators or Presidents," she told them, at which there went up a wall of fear from the Antis, while the guests departed to sign a suffrage register, having been thoroughly convinced by the arguments presented that their sympathies were with the women fighting for the ballot.

"My cousin said in this letter," said Mrs. Reeder, "that Violet would probably go to Washington. I think that those who are so anxious to find her had better look for her there."

Sixty-Six Years a Printer.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE HERALD.] MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Friday.—After working continuously at the printing business for sixty-six years, Mr. George F. Heath, of this city, has retired. Mr. Heath is eighty-three years of age. Most of his work has been done in Sullivan and Ulster counties.

\$2.95. The same style also comes in black and runs to the higher price of \$6.95.

A special bargain offered this morning by B. Altman & Co. in their dress satin department. Five thousand yards of fine quality black dress satin, will be sold at \$1.28 a yard. The material is thirty-six inches wide.

A matched set for the bridal trousseau, consisting of gown and combination made of fine lingerie cloth, effectively trimmed with fine lace and ribbon, is selling at Kessler's for \$15.

A pair of cobweb silk stockings of the sheerest weave obtainable and handsomely embellished with embroidered clocks is offered at Macy's for \$5.99.

A white money coat for the little miss from two to six years is priced at \$15 by Stern Brothers. The coat is trimmed with imitation ermine tails, and makes a very handsome garment.

In an evening dress for the young lady Franklin, Simon & Co. show an attractive model in silk chiffon over daintily shaded pink silk. The dress formerly sold at \$39.50, but is now priced at \$19.50.

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'BURGLAR'S' SPOILS MAN IN WIG BED

Stranger Asleep on Miss Foster's Baby Blue Couch Puzzled to Know How He Got There.

Ten dollars for an hour's sleep is a pretty stiff rate, but that's what it cost James McCutcheon, thirty years old, a conductor, of No. 114 West Fifty-seventh street, for inserting himself into the baby blue bed of Miss Patti Foster in her mother's apartment, No. 2,862 Broadway, Thursday night. As he dealt out ten one-dollar bills to Magistrate Hoffman in West Side Court yesterday morning McCutcheon remarked that he would give ten more to find out how he managed to get into the Foster apartment.

Any answer to this conundrum will be gratefully received by the Foster family and the police who surrounded the house for an hour in the belief that they were about to catch a journeyman burglar. When Mr. McCutcheon, modest and melodious, was dragged from beneath the covers the laugh that went up on all sides shook the building. Careful search disclosed that he had stolen a little sleep, but nothing more.

"I delivered my package at the wrong address," explained McCutcheon to the Court. "I'm sorry I scared the folks, but I haven't the faintest idea of how I got so far away from my own barn."

"He was carried away by the alcoholic undertow of his Yuletide," volunteered the policeman who made the arrest. "And it was some undertow," said McCutcheon, with a good natured smile.

"What had you been drinking?" he was asked. "I don't think I overlooked anything in the liquid department," said McCutcheon. "The last thing I remember is kissing a bartender who said I had a fine face. When I woke up in that strange bed and saw all the cops around me I thought it was the annual police parade."

Miss Foster and her mother reached their apartments about ten o'clock and were surprised to hear instrumental music coming from within. As they opened the door the nasal obligato, now swelling in volume, now dying away to a plaintive purr, assailed their ears. Without waiting to investigate, the two women left the apartment, hurried to the telephone and informed the police that a musical burglar was giving a performance in their rooms.

By this time the other tenants had come crowding into the halls, the women standing on the stairs emitting tiny squeals and the men announcing in loud tones (for the benefit of the woman) what they would do if the burglar dared show himself. In a short time a squad of policemen arrived from the West 100th street station and took charge of the job of capturing the desperado. They covered every possible exit with drawn revolvers and clubs and at a signal entered the apartment. McCutcheon's snores were loud enough to attract even a policeman, and it didn't take long to locate him. After they had laughed themselves weak the policemen peeled the lace bedspread off McCutcheon's graceful figure and then beat a tattoo on the soles of his shoes with their clubs. "Car shend!" came drowsily from the sleeping conductor.

"All out! You're going to the barn," shouted the policemen as they jerked him to his feet. "Oing, ding!" laughed McCutcheon, giving himself two bells, and away went the entire party to the station house, where McCutcheon was permitted to resume his concert until it was time to go to court.

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FIRE CHIEF HURT

Battalion Chief Duffy Struck by Street Car After Passing Home on Way to Fire.

Battalion Chief William J. Duffy, who lives at No. 220 East Forty-ninth street, was leaving the fire house at Fifth street and Lexington avenue to go home for dinner last night when an alarm rang. With an exclamation of regret that he could not go for dinner, he jumped into his buggy and started out, with Fireman Frederick Christ in the driver's seat.

The alarm came from Eighty-fourth street and First avenue. Thinking he would let his wife and children know he would not be home for dinner, he drove into Forty-ninth street and sounded the siren on his buggy as he passed his home. His family recognized the familiar ring and ran to the windows, waving their hands in greeting.

When he reached Second avenue the Battalion Chief glanced back toward his home and waved to his wife as his buggy swung into the avenue. Just as the sharp turn made a south bound Second avenue car, operated by Owen McDonough, crashed into his buggy in the full sight of Duffy's family.

Duffy was hurled to the street, unconscious. Christ fell between the buggy and the car and was pushed ten feet along the street before the car was stopped. When Dr. Ivins, of the Flower Hospital, arrived, he found the Battalion Chief suffering from internal injuries, while Christ had a fracture of the right arm. Witnesses said that the bell on the buggy was kept ringing all the way down the block.

\$5,000 PLEDGED TO SUFFRAGE CAUSE

Contributions Range from \$1 to \$1,000 at Farewell Meeting for Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst.

About \$5,000 was pledged last night by suffragists for carrying on the "Votes for Women" campaign in northern New York. The amounts contributed ranged from \$1 to \$1,000, and were made at the meeting held at Carnegie Hall, under the auspices of the Women's Political Union, to bid Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst farewell.

Mrs. Arthur Townsend was in charge of the collection and Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch presided. Among those who sat with her and the noted English suffragette leader on the platform were the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, Mrs. Mary W. Donnet, Miss Helen Potter, Mrs. Frederick Hazard and Mrs. MacDaniel, of Syracuse; Mrs. Jay Westinghouse and Mrs. Tucker, of Schenectady; Mrs. John V. Brannon, Mrs. Henry Phipps and Mrs. William Colt. The boxes were draped with the banners of the suffrage organization, whose delegates occupied them. Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont had as her guests in the Political Equality Association's box Miss Inez Millholland, Madame Nordica Young and Mr. George W. Young.

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